

Reports on Previous Events

March Floop Clean-up - a small but determined group of volunteers tackled one of the worst eye-sores on the Floop, namely one of the embankments of the Princess Road bridge (see picture). In the past, this has been treated as a communal rubbish tip for drink cans, bottles and the like tossed there by users of the road. We removed 30 bags of litter from this small area including 5 bags of recyclables which were taken to the dump. The job is not quite finished and we will get back there some time to finish the job off but I think everybody would agree it is no longer a major eye-sore.

March Yellow Brick Road (Old Stockport Canal) Clean-up - the weather forecast was not great (to put it mildly) so I wasn't sure if anybody would show up at the Ashton Old Road bridge for a litter pick. In the event just one volunteer did (Liz) and we were rewarded with a 2 hour break in the rain and so we were able to do a reasonable amount of litter picking (6 bags). This area, which used to be one of the worst parts of the YBR, is now one of the best but unfortunately other parts of the path are slipping back. For some reason, we don't seem to be able to attract enough volunteers to keep the litter levels down to the sort of level that we would like. Our efforts at attracting local volunteers have not been successful to date and were it not for the regular support of the Canal Society volunteers, the path and its entrance ways would be considerably worse than they are. On Friday March 22nd, staff from The Manchester City Council Local Neighbourhoods teams turned out for a day of volunteering involving litter picking on parts of the Yellow Brick Road and most significantly, in conjunction with Green Fingers, they cleared vegetation and litter from the path alongside the railway at Gorton Station. This is now a usable path once again and will mean better access to the station and onto the Yellow Brick Road for local people.

Future Events

The monthly litter picks are planned for the second Thursday of each month (Floop) and the following Saturday (YBR).

The 2019 dates for the Floop/YBR events are therefore:

Apr : 11/13

May : 9/11

Jun : 13/15

Jul : 11/13

Aug : 8/10

Sept : 12/14

Oct : 10/12

Nov 14:/16

Dec 12/14